



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
May 16, 2011

LOCATION: 132 Oscar Way – Public Works Facility

Approved

Attending:

Board of Supervisors

Catherine A. Tomlinson, Chairperson
Kevin C. Kerr, Vice-Chairperson
Guy A. Donatelli, Member

Township Administration

Cary B. Vargo, Township Manager
Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary
Karen Wertz, CPA – Township Treasurer
John DeMarco, Police Chief
Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator
Mike Heckman, Public Works Director
Dave Leh, P.E., Gilmore & Associates

Mrs. Tomlinson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., led the salute to the flag and offered a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mr. Kerr, to approve as presented the minutes of the April 12, 2011 Supervisors' Workshop. The Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to approve as presented the minutes of the April 25, 2011 Supervisors' Meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payments

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mr. Kerr, to approve the payments to all vendors as listed May 15-21, 2011. The Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Wertz reported the Finance Department: completed a winter 2010/2011 snow and ice activity analysis; met with several Banks to investigate diversifying our accounts; continues to monitor the Earned Income Tax revenue stream.

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors' Report

Mrs. Tomlinson read the following Emergency Service Providers' reports for the month of April 2011: Ludwigs Corner Fire Company – 4 fire calls, 6 QRS calls; Lionville Fire Company – 5 fire calls; East Brandywine Fire Company – 1 fire call, 1 EMS call; Glenmoore Fire Company – 0 fire calls; Uwchlan Ambulance Corps – 17 calls; Teenaid – 2 calls.

Cary Vargo announced the Township, along with McMahon Associates, received the "Diamond Award for Engineering Excellence" from the American Council of Engineering Companies, in recognition of the Graphite Mine Road project – which is being used as a case study for "Smart Transportation". The Township was recently awarded \$600,000 from the Automatic Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Grant Fund. McMahon assisted with the Application submissions and the funds will be used to install an Adaptive Signal Control (ASC) program to the 11 traffic lights within the Township, which will enable those lights to automatically adjust to changes in traffic volume due to unusual circumstances, such as Turnpike traffic diversion onto the Route 100 corridor.

Mrs. Tomlinson announced the Village Concept Committee is conducting a Civic Space Survey for resident in-pot regarding various planning aspects involving the "greater" Eagle and Byers Village areas. The Survey is posted on the Township's website and is also included in the Spring newsletter.

Mrs. Tomlinson read the following calendar: May 25 Yard Waste Collection; May 26, 2011 7:00 p.m. Limerick Electric Generating Station Safety Presentation; June 14, 2011 4:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors' Workshop; June 18, 2011 3rd Annual Block Party; and June 20, 2011 7:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors' Meeting.

Administrative Reports

Township Engineer's Report

Dave Leh reported the expansion of Mr. Abbonizio's parking lot has begun (28 spaces), and the Township is submitting a parking expansion plan for Fellowship Fields to the County Conservation District (100 spaces).

Bob Fettes Jr. inquired of Abbonizio's need to expand parking. The expanded lot was part of the land development plan and was held in reserve until full occupancy of the stores. Fritz Senn commented on storm water runoff on Fellowship Road, near Eagle Farms Road.

Building/Codes Department Report

Al Gaspari reported 34 building permits were issued in April, totaling \$10,659 in associated fees; the front steps of the Township Building were replaced and using the Public Works Department cut the project costs almost in half; the demolition of the Evans Barn (within Ewing development) is scheduled to start May 17. The Board asked who determines which timbers are suitable for re-use in the new Clubhouse or for the Township's use, to which Al answered he and the Contractor will. There's a new vintage flooring business in Eaglepointe that may be interested in the timbers. The new Codes Department pickup truck is in; and the Pratt Application was approved by the Zoning Hearing Board in April.

Police Chief's Report

Chief DeMarco reported that during April, the Department logged 669 complaints, made 8 criminal arrests, and K-9 Officer Charlie is fully recovered from a leg injury.

Public Works Department Report

Mike Heckman thanked the Board of Supervisors, and Township Staff, for taking the necessary steps to provide a permanent facility for Public Works. The Department carried out the following tasks during April: pothole patching, tree trimming, mowing, demolition of the front steps, installing post-and-rail fencing at Fellowship Fields, moved all the snow removal equipment to the new facility, performed equipment maintenance, replaced a storm water pipe on East Township Line Road - in conjunction with PennDOT and the Turnpike. The Department has a new employee, Josh Spangler. The Crew was able to make repairs to the backhoe due to having the facilities to work inside with the proper tools, saving outside repair costs.

Administration

Mike Heckman reported the 2011 Milling/Paving bid was opened and read May 9, and he recommends awarding the contracts to the low bidders as follows: the edge milling contract to Allan Myers @ \$1.75/square yard and the paving contract to Highway Materials at \$69.40/ton. Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mr. Kerr, to award the contracts as recommended. The Motion carried unanimously.

Cary Vargo introduced a Resolution to enter an Agreement with PennDOT for plantings and maintenance of the median and hillside of the southern link of Graphite Mine Road. PennDOT will initially perform weed control and plant a variety of wildflowers, grasses, and shrubs in exchange for

the Township mowing the median – the goal of which is to improve the aesthetics of the roadway while limiting the needed maintenance by the Township.

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mr. Kerr, to open discussion of this Resolution. PennDOT couldn't keep up with the mowing tasks last year and will pay the Township a minimal amount per acre to mow the grass. The plantings will significantly reduce the amount of mowing needed and will look much nicer this year. The Motion to adopt Resolution #05-16-11-07 and enter the Agreement with PennDOT carried unanimously.

Cary Vargo introduced an Agreement to install a synthetic turf field at Fellowship Fields. Marsh Creek Eagles has offered to purchase a used, slightly blemished Astro-Turf field for installation at Fellowship Fields. Grand Sport Auto has offered to pay for the sub-base and installation of the field. The Agreement does not obligate the Township to replace the field when its useful life is over -- between 8-12 years; sub-base life @ 30 years. Replacement costs (another synthetic field or return to grass) would be funded by charging User Fees, at least 14 hours of use per week over the year to cover those costs, not tax dollars. Numerous reference checks on this type field and on the Company (Astro Turf) yielded all good responses. The installation warranty would be 1 year and the sub-base warranty according to the Municipality Planning Code.

Steve McNaughton asked about injuries, Fritz Senn asked about replacement costs. Mr. Vargo explained several of the colleges he contacted replied that this product is extremely "giving" due to the rubberized layer underneath; and the User Fees for this specific field would be used to replace the field, whether by another synthetic field or back to natural grass.

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to approve the Agreement. Mr. Donatelli noted the scoreboard would bear Grand Sport Auto's name in exchange for its funding. The Motion carried unanimously.

Cary Vargo reported that the Township has been advised that we need to begin design or engineering of the Park Road Trail Phase IV (Hickory Park to Marsh Creek State Park) or we risk losing the funding from the State. Our Consultant for this project, Dan Daley of E.B. Walsh, has provided an estimate for each step. Mr. Vargo suggests we begin the design and right-of-way work and requests the Board authorize moving forward but not to exceed \$31,750.00 in spending. The targeted construction commencement would be early 2013.

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to discuss the project. Mr. Donatelli did not care for the timing of the project. Mr. Kerr reiterated we'll lose the funding from the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant and then the Trail wouldn't connect Park to Park. Fritz Senn asked if we have acquired the rights of way. Mr. Vargo advises the north side is set until Moore Road, where the trail crosses to the south side, running along Marsh Harbor, so there may be 5-6 backyards involved until the State Park property. Steve McNaughton hopes it will cross to the south side farther west than at Moore Road, after the grading is lower. The Motion carried unanimously to begin the design work and right-of-way acquisition but spending at this time should not exceed \$31,750.00.

Open Session

Tom Hagan asked if Greenridge Road was on the paving schedule. Mike Heckman advised it is, from Dan Drive south.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mrs. Tomlinson adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen A. Jonik,
Township Secretary